

From: Kevin Ruddy
To: Microsoft ATR
Date: 1/23/02 1:04pm
Subject: Microsoft Settlement

I am against the proposed settlement. One of the biggest failures in the settlement is that file formats remain undocumented. It is extraordinarily difficult to reverse engineer a file format to be compatible with Microsoft's constantly-shifting Office suite, for example. In order to foster interoperability between Microsoft and its competition, and to create new competition, these file formats must be available to all.

There are many additional shortcomings, and I hope the Department of Justice makes a more serious and significant attempt to curtail Microsoft's monopoly and open the software industry to additional competition, which will help the United States in countless ways. It is poorly served by Microsoft's monopoly as it stands today.

Kevin Ruddy
42 Pantry Rd
Sudbury, MA 01776